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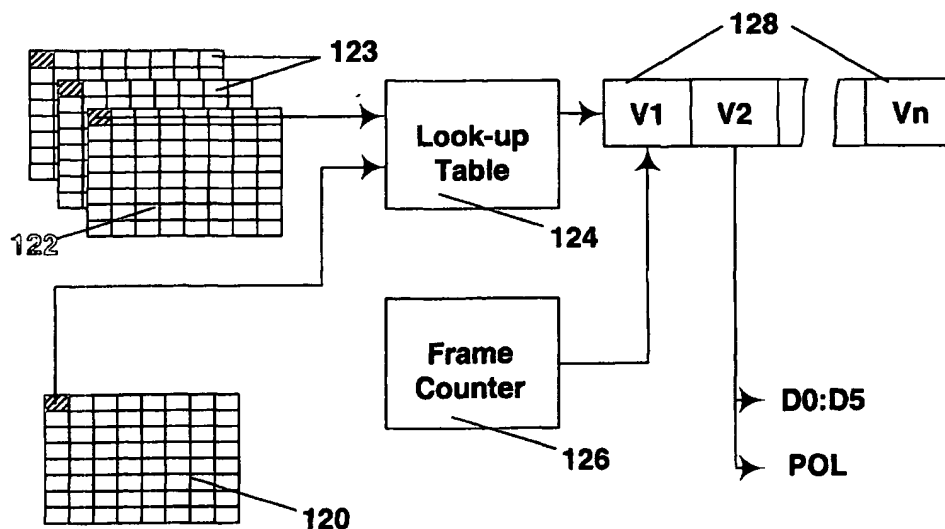
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(57) Abstract: A bistable electro-optic display has a plurality of pixels, each of which is capable of displaying at least three gray levels. The display is driven by a method comprising: storing a look-up table containing data representing the impulses necessary to convert an initial gray level to a final gray level; storing data representing at least an initial state of each pixel of the display; receiving an input signal representing a desired final state of at least one pixel of the display; and generating an output signal representing the impulse necessary to convert the initial state of the one pixel to the desired final state thereof, as determined from the look-up table. The invention also provides a method for reducing the remnant voltage of an electro-optic display.



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1. Claims: 1-26

First invention:

It is a matter of a temperature compensation system (device and method) applicable to a bistable electro optique display able to image at least 3 gray levels, by using LUT in order to generate the adequate pulses wrt to the input signal representing the temperature value.

2. Claim : 27

Second invention:

It is a matter of a display controller able to compensate a signal to be displayed by using a LUT in order to generate AM and PWM pulses to drive the display device.

3. Claims: 28-30

Third invention:

It is a matter of a circuit driver able to receive voltage and polarity signals associated with a clock in order to drive an electro optique display in order to compensate the remanant voltage at pixel level.

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